



MINUTES OF THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE MEETING MARCH 26, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leroy Brownlee, Chairman
Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary/Commissioner
John Felts, Commissioner
Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner
John Belken, Commissioner
Joseph Peacock., Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS:

Carol V. Bohannon, Attorney
Ernest Sanders, Jr., Attorney
James L. Williams, II, Attorney

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Sharon Lewis, Management Project Analyst

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ronald Dobbs, Assistant Director, Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC)
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director, Department of Community Correction (DCC)
Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction
Jeff Tillman, Assistant Director, Department of Community Correction
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Don Barnes, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's (AG's) Office
Bernastene Hendrix, Agency Fiscal Manager, ABP
Tamara Salaam, Administrative Assistant, ABP
Solomon Graves, User Support Analyst, ABP

Called to Order

Brownlee called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 9:30 a.m.

Approval of March 12, 2009 Minutes

Carpenter moved,

Mays seconded. Motion carried.

Population Reports

The Board reviewed reports submitted from: ADC, DCC and ABP. It was noted that 19,839 parolees were on parole.

Discussion was held on deferral of inmates and the impact it has when inmates are passed their TE date.

Attorney General's Office

Mr. Barnes gave an update on two pending lawsuits filed by inmates: (1) David Clinely – ADC #117836 and (2) Robert Hefferman – ADC #76641.

Hearing Examiners' Reports

The Hearing Examiners presented their reports.

The Board thanks Mr. Williams and Mr. Sanders for their assistance in handling emergency hearing cases in Johnson and White Counties.

OLD BUSINESS

Training & ABP Updates: Mr. Graves reported on various events the board has scheduled for the upcoming months.

The board was requested to look at training provided by DCC, ADC and outside the agency to obtain the necessary accredited training hours.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Graves will be providing a report on Board visits to area offices.

On April 6th, Board members and staff will be attending sexual harassment and conduct training via video stream.

The Chairman read a letter of thanks from Chaplain Bob Holyfield on behalf of Mr. Belken, who spoke on criminal justice at the International Ministerial Institute of Buren, TX, on March 17th.

Ms. Ellingburg reported she has interviewed applicants for the vacant IRO positions at Cummins & Ouachita Units.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

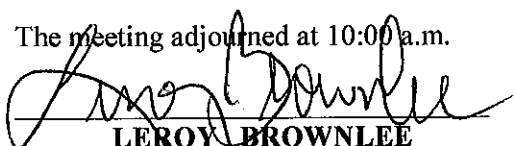
An overview of the victim input hearings listing was conducted.

RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Mays moved.

Carpenter seconded the motion to ratify the units. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.


LEROY BROWNLEE
CHAIRMAN


RICHARD L. MAYS, JR.
SECRETARY

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION VOTES BY UNITS**

MARCH 2009

<u>UNITS:</u>	<u>RATIFIED (X)</u>
BENTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CUMMINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DIAGNOSTIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EAST	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MISSISSIPPI CO.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NEAC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OUACHITA REGIONAL - Malvern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PINE BLUFF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RANDALL L. WILLIAMS CORR.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SEAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SWAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TRCC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VARNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WRIGHTSVILLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: RESCINDS & TRANSFER SCREENINGS, ACT 290'S SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, CLEMENCIES, PARDONS, ETC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

MOTION BY: RICHARD MAYS, JR. SECONDED BY: ABRAHAM CARPENTER, JR.

RATIFICATION DATE: MARCH 26, 2009